

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## AS TO THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The Star-Bulletin's good friend, Dr. E. S. Goodhue of Hawaii, takes issue with this paper upon the subject of the Republican territorial platform.

His letter, published in another column today, says that the criticism of the Star-Bulletin concerning the platform is "rather sweeping." He then proceeds to point out a number of good planks, which, by inference at least, he would lend the reader of his letter to believe the Star-Bulletin had condemned.

The Star-Bulletin said of the platform that it is a "fifty-fifty" document—"it is neither bad nor markedly good." And this paper pointed out how some of the strongest planks which had been drawn after weeks of work by fair-minded and progressive Republicans were pruned and emasculated in a few minutes at the behest of a few members of the platform committee as it finally assembled.

A number of the planks which Dr. Goodhue praises are quite acceptable. They were not condemned. For instance, the Star-Bulletin has from its founding been a constant advocate of the extension of the ballot right to women and when the platform makers some days before the convention met decided to omit a suffrage plank, this paper promptly pointed out the omission and told the reason—that it was regarded as "poor politics" to bring up the suffrage question. The attention centered on the suffrage question at once brought the platform committee to a reconsideration of its action, and a suffrage plank was finally adopted.

Yes, there are good planks in this platform; there are also planks which several stanch Republicans have already told the Star-Bulletin they could not, as candidates, conscientiously support.

And the controversy as to committees which followed the convention is sufficient proof that there is a growing fight between progressivism and reactionism in the Republican party here.

Dr. Goodhue's letter itself is the surest evidence that the platform is a "fifty-fifty" proposition. He says, for instance:

"It might be well to remember politically as well as otherwise we must deal with things as they are."

"The desired may not always be the wise and practicable."

And, speaking of Kuhio's candidacy for reelection, he writes:

"We must make the best of the situation, however, weak and unrepresentative it may seem."

On the liquor law plank he comments:

"It rested with some few of us for expediency's sake not to object to a rather harmless and attenuated clause."

The truth about this convention, as some of its delegates now ruefully acknowledge, is that for expediency's sake, for harmony's sake, planks were allowed and men supported in violation of progressive beliefs. And Dr. Goodhue's letter furnishes, by its own phrasing, conclusive proof that the term of a "fifty-fifty" platform is not far amiss.

## NATIONAL CAMPAIGN SOON TO WARM UP.

The national campaign is remarkably quiet now but when Candidate Hughes takes the stump it should begin to warm up. Hughes is to be "officially notified" on July 31. On Monday afternoon there is to be a large meeting in Carnegie Hall where Hughes will be informed that he was nominated at the Republican convention in Chicago—a fact which he probably suspects already.

Following this, the nominee will spend a few days in campaign headquarters in New York and then will probably start on his first campaign tour. Hughes is a popular campaigner and once he gets out on the stump his full light should begin to grow interesting.

Both parties have their eyes on the Maine election which comes in September. A September victory for Hughes will be hailed as an omen for November. Maine will elect a governor and two senators, and the national campaigners will be drafted into service in an effort to turn the victory to one side or the other. A rock-ribbed state is relied upon to "keynote" two months in advance of the country's general election and naturally each side wishes the keynote to be along its own particular tune. The Republicans are talking of getting Roosevelt and Taft to stump in Maine as the heavy artillery of the G. O. P., while the Democrats expect to send Secretary of the Interior Lane, Secretary of Commerce Redfield, and or two others, staunch administration men, into the state. If the fight gets especially hot, the president may visit Maine for one or two speeches.

## THE HERO ON THE EAST FRONT.

Two months ago the name of Gen. Brusiloff was unknown to American readers of war news. Now it is almost as familiar as that of von Hindenburg, Joffre, von Linsingen or Sir Douglas Haig.

For Brusiloff is the man who is planning and carrying out the smashing Russian campaign on the southern end of the east front—the hero of the rapid advance into Bukovina and Galicia.

Charles Johnston, writing in the North American Review, gives some interesting facts on Brusiloff's history. "He was, it appears, one of the few men in Russia firmly convinced that the war must come and come soon. In 1911, he was Corps Commander at Lublin, and while there laid enormous stress on aeroplane scouting, so that it was no uncommon thing to see half-a-dozen airplanes soaring above the town. Then his high attainments led to his transfer to Warsaw, as

the danger center, but, after a few months' service with the high command there, he was transferred, at his own request, to Vinnitsa, close to the northeastern end of Galicia. The reason for this request was that he felt convinced that war was coming, and he foresaw that, just at this point, Russia could make the quickest, most effective thrust at the Teutonic forces. The war came, and within a few days, General Brusiloff and General Ruzsky were across the frontier; and while the equally rapid advance of General Samsonoff and General Rennenkampf, in the north, met with disaster, Ruzsky and Brusiloff gained striking successes, carrying their armies forward to the passes of the Carpathians. General Brusiloff is one of the few generals of the Allies who, for a full year, was continuously on enemy soil. He never lost a battle, and, when the dire failure of ammunition forced the retirement of the Russian armies and brought about the loss of Warsaw, it is on record that not for an hour did Brusiloff lose his serenity and faith. But he is determined now to win back every foot of land then lost—and more—and the spirit of the man is expressed in his recently reported words, as he sent the correspondents to the rear. "You will learn of the Russian advance from the Austrian bulletins."

"General Brusiloff is a master of military science who has learned all that can be learned from his allies and his enemies. He has taken part, many times, in the grand maneuvers on the plains of France, where stern battle now rages; he has stood beside the German Emperor and watched the spectacular development of immense cavalry charges. And, before the war, he practised ceaselessly the handling of the largest bodies of troops, in those great Russian maneuvers into which he put much of the rigor of war. It was noted, in these contests among the Russian fields and forest, that General Brusiloff always seemed to know what his opponent had in mind to do, and took the needed measures to turn his flank—an art he has not lost in real war."

## ON BETTER FARMING.

(Put out by the Extension Division, Hawaii Experiment Station.)

Sir Horace Plunkett is everywhere known for the work he has done to help Irish farmers. His suggestions to American farmers are worthy of careful consideration, because he speaks from the experience of one who has successfully carried out great rural reforms in his own country. In his work "The Rural Life Problem of the United States" he points out the American farmers' greatest needs as better business organization.

"Agriculture, the basis of rural existence," he writes, "must be regarded as a science, as a business and as a life. I have already adverted to President Roosevelt's formula for solving the rural problem—'better farming, better business, better living.' Better farming simply means the application of modern science to the practise of agriculture. Better business is none the less necessary application of modern commercial methods to the business side of farming. Better living is the building up in rural communities of a domestic and social life which will withstand the growing attractions of the modern city."

"This three-fold scheme of reform covers the whole ground and will become the basis of the country life movement to be suggested later. But in the working out of the general scheme, there must be one important change in the order of procedure—'better business' must come first. Both Irish experience and Continental study have convinced me that neither good husbandry nor a worthy social life can be ensured unless accompanied by intelligent and efficient business methods."

## WHY REPUBLICAN CHRISTIANS.

"Why Christians Should Support the Republican Platform," was the subject of an address by Lorrin Andrews at Sunday night's Epworth League meeting. It is obvious that one vital part of a militant and vigorous Christianity is civic activity devoted to nominating and electing good men and supporting good measures, but for the late chairman of the Republican party to tell Christians just now that as Christians they should support the platform of his party is "going it rather strong." The Democratic platform has not yet been put forth. It is almost certain to deal with social problems much as the Republican platform deals with them. Why, then, should not Christians support the Democratic platform also? Since Ex-Chairman Andrews puts civic activity on religious rather than political grounds, why should not the Christians he appeals to, in the interests of fair play wait to see what the Democratic document looks like? If their support is to be given for moral instead of political reasons, why not wait and compare the two platforms, then decide where to throw their support? There have been some surprising turns in local politics lately but we recall none more surprising than this bid for support in a party campaign, under the guise of appeal to high-mindedness.

Everytime Berlin says the Russians have been checked, our Slav friends bob up ten or twenty miles further toward Teuton soil.

That French airman who flew over Berlin was probably trying to dim the exploits of the Deutschland.

How impolite of the Deutschland not to leave Baltimore when everybody is on the watch!

## Personal Mention

F. E. CLOWES, acting principal of the Lahaina school, Maui, is in Honolulu on business.

MRS. ADA WILLIAMSON expects to leave in the Matsonia tomorrow for California and expects to travel in Canada.

MRS. CURTIS W. HUSTACE is expected Wednesday in the Lurline from the coast, where she has been visiting for some time.

GEORGE K. MILLS of the U. S. engineer's office, is recovering at the Fort Shafter hospital from an operation for appendicitis.

ARNOLD B. M. RICHARDSON, clerk in the bureau of vital statistics, is back at his desk following an illness lasting several days.

MISS CLARA C. PEARSON, who was operated upon recently at the Queen's hospital, is recovering rapidly and expects to go home soon.

MAJ. FRANK PUTMAN, senior medical officer of the 4th Infantry, N. G. H., of Kauai, is in this city and will return to Kauai this evening.

TAX ASSESSOR C. T. WILDER is expected to return Saturday morning from the Volcano House, Hawaii, where he has been enjoying a vacation.

D. PAUL R. ISENBERG, a representative in the legislature, expects to leave in the Matsonia Wednesday via at Byron Springs, Cal., for his health.

REV. SAMUEL K. KAMAIOPILI, assistant pastor of the Kaunakapili church, Palama, expects to leave in the Mauna Kea Wednesday for a short visit in Lahaina, Maui.

SYDNEY SMITH, who has been home for some time through illness, is recovering rapidly and expects to be at his desk soon as bailiff of the United States district court.

DR. L. McLENNAN, whose condition for some time was serious from an operation about a month ago, is reported recuperating nicely at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. G. Rivenburgh.

REV. CHARLES D. MILLIKEN, formerly pastor of the Waimea foreign church, Kauai, expects to leave today in the Sierra for Oakland, Cal., where he has taken the pastorate of a prominent church.

DR. L. L. SEXTON, acting assistant surgeon of the United States public service at Hilo, is in Honolulu as a witness in the admiralty damage case instituted by William Green against the S. S. Matsonia.

MISS CLARA PEARSON, who was formerly one of the instructors at Panakau and who has been for the past year on the faculty of the Maui High school, was recently operated upon at the Queen's Hospital. She is doing nicely and hopes to be able to leave at the end of the week.

CAPT. O. L. SORENSON of the 1st Separate Cavalry Troop, N. G. H., is visiting here. He reports the troop stationed at Waimea, Hawaii (Parker Ranch), to be flourishing. Complete equipment for the organization has reached Honolulu and will be sent over soon. There are 75 men and mounts in the troop.

DR. GEORGE HERBERT left in the Makura Friday night with Mrs. Herbert, Miss Rose Herbert and Charles Herbert for a three months' vacation in Vancouver and in California. Dr. St. D. G. Walters and Dr. G. A. Batten will take charge of his practice and Victor Lange will be in charge of his affairs during his absence.

MR. AND MRS. JAY H. CLEMONS and two daughters, of Reno, Nevada, were guests of her majesty Queen Liliuokalani at an informal reception at Washington Place Saturday morning. The reception was arranged for by Miss Bernice Pillani Cook, who was a guest of Governor and Mrs. Jewett Adams at Carson City during a visit to Nevada last year. It was there that she met many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clemons. The Clemons family will leave for their home in Nevada tomorrow.

## INTERVIEWS

CHESTER A. DOYLE: Many a man who prides himself on his physical strength cannot hold his tongue.

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## LETTERS

### THE MAN WHO HAD THE TALK THAT WENT

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: Under the title, "The Man Who Had the Talk That Went," George Ade, the humorist, describes a man who used a lot of big words about subjects of which he knew nothing. This man so impressed his contemporaries with his knowledge of music, art and literature that they voted him the wisest of men and courted him most zealously. They thought his conversation great because they could not understand it. Perhaps the editor of the Weekly Times (Maui) hopes to impress people in the same way by writing so extensively and interestingly about the Brown case.

The editor of the Weekly Times also criticized severely the Kauai Chamber of Commerce. "We are surprised," he writes in one of his paragraphs. Those who try to defend injustice through ignorance of the facts, or through favoritism, are always surprised and raise their eyebrows in astonishment when anyone dares to stand against "constituted authority" or fails to "crook the pregnant hinges of the knee, that thrift may follow fawning." We sincerely hope the esteemed editor will be surprised again and again. The time is surely coming when secret deals and star chamber methods will not be tolerated, when public business must be carried on in the open, or at least be made accessible to the public.

The report of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce committee of education was not given the same publicity that was accorded the statement of the department of public instruction. It is worth while for the thoughtful person to consider the personnel of this committee. The chairman, Mr. Th. Brandt, was formerly commissioner of education for the island of Kauai. He resigned because he had been elected to the board of supervisors of the County of Kauai, a position he now holds. Mr. Brandt has been conspicuous for his loyalty and efficiency in territorial and county service. He was commissioner of education at the time that certain of the matters referred to in the statements of the superintendent of public instruction took place, and was eminently qualified to understand the situation. He is a banker and a resident of Waimea, where the Browns taught. The other members of the committee are Dr. H. Waterhouse of Koloa, and Dr. K. Hofman of Kealia. Both are men of unquestioned standing, educated, fair-minded, public-spirited.

This committee had the statements of the department of public instruction and they went over them carefully. They gave those on both sides a chance to present their cases, and they considered the matter thoroughly. They reported to the chamber of commerce and the report was adopted without a dissenting vote. In contrast to this, the Weekly Times, having read the statement of the department of public instruction, feels free to criticize the Kauai chamber. Already the Times has convicted the Browns without a trial.

We cannot here go into details concerning the facts of the case. An investigator, who really wanted to find the facts, could get them easily, but thus far "constituted authority" has furnished all the evidence. If a newspaper claims the right to attack the action of a body of practical, fair-minded men—men of integrity and standing—these men have a right to demand that the paper get the facts. Judgment by prejudice is as obsolete as trial by ordeal and combat.

The Times dwells lovingly on the question of obedience. There is obedience demanded of public officials by the people, their source of power, and whenever an official violates the principles of fairness and justice, or uses his power as a tool for individuals to work injustice, he has been untrue and disobedient to the authority which "constituted" him. Tammany Hall made the same appeal to "constituted authority" when its abuses were exposed, and so did King John, and so did every other tyrant whose abuses led to public remonstrance.

The Kauai Chamber of Commerce was organized to promote the welfare of Kauai. It represents the whole island, and it believes that it promotes the community welfare when it stands for fair treatment for every one. The chamber has ideals and works for them. Such a course provokes criticism, especially from "constituted authority," but it is bound to win the respect of fair-minded people.

The chamber of commerce never defended the Browns, nor asked for more than a fair hearing of the case. The committee tried to get at the facts of the case and reported its findings from the evidence. From the evidence submitted it believes the Browns have been treated unfairly—it is positive that action was taken without the Browns having a hearing. In such a position there seemed to be only one square thing to do, and the chamber of commerce took action accordingly.

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## NEW YORK IN NO PERIL FROM FLEET OF ENEMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—New York would be safe from bombardment in the event of war, according to Representative Sherley of Kentucky, who explained the Fortifications Appropriations Bill to the house recently. Mr. Sherley is in charge of the bill for the committee.

He admitted that it is "possible for certain ships of the largest types to reach a particular point and from that point be out of range of the existing batteries and still be able to bombard

portions of the city," but said the condition is being remedied.

"It would not be difficult at all," he continued, "to put up on temporary emplacements guns of sufficient range at Rockaway, where they propose to put permanent fortifications, to make it exceedingly unhealthy for any fleet to undertake to lie outside this particular place and bombard New York. There is no reason why the people of America should be unduly alarmed."

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